

**EXHIBIT 1**

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

CITATION

TO: **GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.**  
C/O REGISTERED AGENT BOBBY J GUIDRY  
1093 HENDERSON HIGHWAY  
BREAUX BRIDGE LA 70517

NOTICE:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and **PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND DEMAND FOR RULE 194 DISCLOSURE(S)** filed on **September 23, 2021**, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org.

The case is presently pending before the **240TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT** of Fort Bend County sitting in Richmond, Texas. It bears cause number **21-DCV-287640** and is styled:

**BRENDON WARE AND ERVIN EMANUEL, JR., VS. DAVID CORMIER AND GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.**

The name and address of the attorney for **PLAINTIFF(S)** is:

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The nature of the demands of said **PLAINTIFF(S)** is shown by a true and correct copy of the **PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND DEMAND FOR RULE 194 DISCLOSURE(S)** accompanying this citation and made a part hereof.

If this Citation is not served, it shall be returned unserved. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, at Richmond, Texas, on this the 28th day of September, 2021.

**DISTRICT CLERK BEVERLEY MCGREW WALKER  
FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS**

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240th Judicial District Court

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 County, Texas

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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In accordance with Rule 107: The officer or authorized person who serves, or attempts to serve, a citation shall sign the return. The signature is not required to be verified. If the return is signed by a person other than a sheriff, constable, or the clerk of the court, the return shall be signed under penalty of perjury and contain the following statement:

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**CAUSE NUMBER 21-DCV-287640**

<b>BRENDON WARE and</b> <b>ERVIN EMANUEL, JR.,</b> <b>Plaintiffs,</b>  <b>VS.</b>  <b>DAVID CORMIER and</b> <b>GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.,</b> <b>Defendants.</b>	<b>IN THE DISTRICT COURT</b>        <b>Fort Bend County - 240th Judicial District Court</b> <b>JUDICIAL DISTRICT</b>    <b>FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS</b>
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**PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION AND DEMAND FOR RULE 194**  
**DISCLOSURE(S)**

**TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:**

COMES NOW, **BRENDON WARE** with social security #: \*\*\*\*-\*\*-\*619 and TX DL: \*\*\*\*\*350, and **ERVIN EMANUEL, JR.**, hereinafter referred to by name or as Plaintiffs, complains of **DAVID CORMIER** and **GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.**, hereinafter referred to by name or as Defendants, and for cause of action would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

**I. PARTIES AND DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN**

Plaintiffs **BRENDON WARE** and **ERVIN EMANUEL, JR.**, are individuals residing in Harris County, Texas. Plaintiffs intends that discovery be conducted under Level 2 of Rule 190.3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Defendant, **DAVID CORMIER**, is an individual residing in Lafayette Parish and may be served with process at 626 Kidder Rd, Carencro, LA 70520.

Defendant, **GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.**, is a Louisiana corporation doing business in and around Houston, Harris County and may be served with process via its agent Bobby J. Guidry at 1093 Henderson Highway Breaux Bridge, LA 70517.

**II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

The subject matter in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this court. This court has jurisdiction over the parties because Defendant, **DAVID CORMIER** and **GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.**, committed a tort in Harris County.

Venue in Harris County is proper in this case under Section 15.002(a)(1) of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code because all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this lawsuit occurred in this county.

Pursuant to TEX. R. CIV. P. 47(c)(3), Plaintiffs seeks monetary relief of \$250,000.00 but not more than \$1,000,000.00.

**III. FACTS**

On June 30, 2020, at approximately 4:10 P.M., Plaintiffs were traveling north bound on US Highway 59. Defendant **DAVID CORMIER**, driving in a 1998 Peterbilt 379, was traveling behind Plaintiffs, when without warning, Defendant struck Plaintiff's vehicle from the rear. Defendant **DAVID CORMIER** is employed by Defendant **GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.**. Upon information and belief, Defendant **GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.** is the employer (or legal agent) of Defendant **DAVID CORMIER**.

**IV. CAUSE(S) OF ACTION: NEGLIGENCE/NEGLIGENCE PER SE**

The occurrence made the basis of this suit, reflected in the above paragraph and the resulting injuries and damages were proximately caused by the negligent conduct of Defendant **DAVID CORMIER**. Defendant **DAVID CORMIER** operated the vehicle he was driving in a negligent manner because he violated the duty which he owed the Plaintiffs to exercise ordinary care in the operation of the motor vehicle in one or more of the following respects:

- a. Failing to keep a proper lookout, such as a person of ordinary care would have kept in the same or similar circumstances;

- b. Failing to maintain proper control of the vehicle such as a person of ordinary care would have done in the same or similar circumstances and under the same or similar road and weather conditions;
- c. Failing to timely and properly apply the brakes of the vehicle in order to avoid the collision, as a person of ordinary care would have done under the same or similar circumstances;
- d. Failing to turn the vehicle in a manner so as to avoid the collision, such as a person of ordinary care would have done under the same or similar circumstances;
- e. Failing to operate the vehicle in a safe and prudent manner, such as a person of ordinary care would have done under the same or similar circumstances; and
- f. Failing to abide by, and to adhere to, applicable traffic laws, such as a person of ordinary care would have done under the same or similar circumstances.

By reason of all of the above, the Plaintiffs had suffered losses and damages in a sum within the jurisdictional limits of this court, and for which he now sues.

In addition to Defendant's common-law duties, Defendant **DAVID CORMIER** also violated various sections of the TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE:

§ 545.401 Reckless driving;

§ 545.062(a) Failure to maintain a safe distance between two vehicles.

The occurrence made the basis of this suit, reflected in the above paragraph and the resulting injuries and damages were proximately caused by the negligent conduct of Defendant **GUIDRYS CATFISH INC.**, in one or more of the following respects:

- a. Failure to use that degree of care as a person of ordinary, reasonable prudence would have used under similar circumstances;
- b. Failure to ensure the ability of its driver to properly and safely operate its vehicle, as would have been done by a reasonable person exercising ordinary prudence under the same or similar circumstances; and

- c. Failure to properly supervise the driver of its vehicle, as would have been done by a reasonable person exercising ordinary prudence under the same or similar circumstances.

#### **V. RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR/VICARIOUS LIABILITY**

Upon information and belief, at all times relevant, **DAVID CORMIER** was operating his vehicle while in the course of and scope of his employment and/or agency with Defendant **GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.** As a consequence, Defendant **GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.**, is vicariously liable for the damages caused by the negligent act of its owner.

#### **VI. DAMAGES**

As a direct and proximate result of the collision and the negligent conduct of the Defendants in causing the collision, Plaintiffs **BRENDON WARE** and **ERVIN EMANUEL, JR.**, suffered severe bodily injuries. The injuries were substantial in nature and have had a serious effect on Plaintiffs health and well-being. These specific injuries and ill effects have, in turn, caused Plaintiffs physical and mental condition(s) to deteriorate generally and the specific injuries and ill effects alleged have caused and will, in all reasonable probability, cause the Plaintiffs to suffer consequences and ill effects of this deterioration throughout their body for a long time in the future, if not for the balance of their natural lives. As a further result of the nature and consequences of their injuries, Plaintiffs suffered great physical and mental pain, suffering and anguish and in all reasonable probability, will continue to suffer in this manner for a long time into the future, if not for the balance of their natural lives.

As a further result of all of the above, the Plaintiffs have incurred expenses for medical care and attention. These expenses were incurred for the necessary care and treatment of the injuries resulting from the incident complained of. The charges are reasonable and were the usual

and customary charges made for such services in the county where they were incurred.

## **VII. REQUIRED DISCLOSURE**

Pursuant to Rule 194 of the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, Plaintiff demands that you disclose the information and material described in Rule 194.2(1) through (12).

## **VIII. JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury.

## **IX. DESIGNATED E-SERVICE EMAIL ADDRESS**

The following is the undersigned attorneys' designated e-Service email address for all eserved documents and notices, filed and unfiled, pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 21(f)(2) & 21a: [Eservice@thevulawfirm.com](mailto:Eservice@thevulawfirm.com). This is the undersigned only e-Service email address, and service through any other email address will be considered invalid.

## **X. PRAYER**

**FOR THESE REASONS**, Plaintiffs requests that the Defendants, **DAVID CORMIER** and **GUIDRY'S CATFISH INC.**, be cited to appear and answer, and on final trial hereafter, the Plaintiffs have judgment against Defendants in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of this Court, together with all pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law, costs of Court, and for such other and further relief to which Plaintiffs may be justly entitled by law and equity, including, but not limited to:

- a. Pain and suffering in the past;
- b. Pain and suffering in the future;
- c. Mental anguish in the past;
- d. Mental anguish in the future;
- e. Past medical expenses;
- f. Future medical expenses which are unknown at this time;
- g. Physical impairment in the past;

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- h. Physical impairment in the future;
- i. Prejudgment interest; and
- j. Post-judgment interest.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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**EXHIBIT 1****Automated Certificate of eService**

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